

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed action in Charles City County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

February 28, 2013 to March 19, 2013

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Certification

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal permitting action to determine if it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

DOD/U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Mr. Michael J. Bogese Jr. proposes to construct a shoreline stabilization project on the James River in Charles City County. The project area includes the Byrdwood property and the Rowe property, located immediately adjacent to each other and both owned by the applicant. The project consists of the stabilization of approximately 5,300 linear feet of shoreline through a hybrid approach combining offshore sills and breakwaters with beach nourishment and plantings. In addition, a boat ramp and a pedestrian crossing of a tidal gut connecting the two properties are proposed. Shoreline stabilization will consist of the construction of a combination of approximately 20 sills ranging in length from 40 to 250 feet and a total of 630 linear feet of breakwaters ranging in length from 70 to 100 feet. The structures will extend a maximum of 65 feet channelward of mean high water and 60 feet channelward of mean low water. The open-pile wooden pedestrian bridge will measure 5 feet wide and extend approximately 16 linear feet. The approximately 12 feet by 38 feet concrete boat ramp will be constructed on approximately 240 square feet of subaqueous bottom. The applicant intends to submit a Joint Permit Application to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the issuance of an individual permit pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The Williamsburg Environmental Group, on behalf of Mr. Bogese, has submitted a Federal Consistency Certification that finds the proposed project consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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